GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministers of Coal and Mines visited U.S. recently ;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the visit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The 18th World Mining Congress was held at Las Vegas, USA from 9th Oct. to 12th Oct 2000. Apart from participation in several technical sessions, presentation of awards and exhibit hours at the World Mining Congress, the delegation had an opportunity to visit several stalls put up by the mining equipment manufacturers from across the globe. The delegation also explored the possibilities of joint venture with these manufacturers and of taking/hiring the equipments on lease. The World Mining Congress had about 23 technical sessions where issues of great relevance to mining industry presently and in future were presented and discussed amongst the delegates. The delegation led by MOS(C) also visitedtwo largest opencast mines viz. Jacobs Ranch Mineand North Rochelle Mine. The visit provided an opportunity to study first hand information regarding advancement made in opencast coal mining and gave an insight into the management of very large opencast mine.

Ministry of Mines has also stated that the then Minister of Youth Affairs, Sports and Mines attended the 18th World Mining Congress held at Las Vegas, USA in Oct. 2000.On this visit he also attended the meeting of the International Steering Committee for overseeing the organization of the 19th World Mining Congress to be held in India in November 2003.